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may be found among them. The prices of these books are very reasonable and it will pay librarians to send for catalog.

COMMITTEE ON VENTILATION AND LIGHTING OF LIBRARIES

Mr. Samuel H. Ranck, who was appointed by the Council chairman of a committee to report on standards, specifications, etc., for the ventilation and lighting of library buildings, with power to add to the committee, has named the following persons for service on this committee: Dr. E. D. Burton, director of the University of Chicago libraries; W. H. Brett, librarian of the Cleveland public library; E. H. Anderson, assistant director of the New York public library; and C. W. Andrews, librarian of The John Crerar library.

PRINTED CARDS WANTED

The University of Illinois library, Urbana, Ill., Mr. P. L. Windsor, librarian, is desirous of purchasing printed analytical catalog cards for sixty or more periodicals, cards for which have been printed by the A. L. A. Publishing Board. If any subscriber to the A. L. A. cards has in hand cards which he does not desire to keep and which he wishes to sell, it might be mutually advantageous to correspond with Mr. Windsor.

THE EDITOR'S TABLE

The public library of St. Joseph, Mo., has issued an interesting "Reading List for the Boy Scouts of America."

The Library of Congress has a few copies of each of the classification schedules issued to date. These will be sent upon request to any libraries needing them.

The University of Illinois has recently issued a List of serials in the University of Illinois library, together with those in other libraries in Urbana and Champaign, compiled by Francis K. W. Drury, assistant librarian. (Bulletin, v. 9, no. 2.) pp. 223, 8vo. The field covered by the serials includes newspapers, magazines, periodicals,

and annuals, and the serial publications of societies, corporations, institutions, and governmental bodies. The list will probably be useful in other libraries as a check-list.

The Harvard college library, which will henceforth use cards of the usual standard size, wishes to dispose of about 70,000 catalog cards of the smaller standard size (12½ x 5 cm.). Some are unruled (for printing or typewriting), others are ruled (for manuscript). All are punched in the lower left-hand corner, and all are of the best stock for library use. Cost from \$1.06 to \$1.75 per thousand. To be sold at about half price. Send for samples and prices to the librarian.

The office has received a copy of "Modern Drama and Opera: a reading list," compiled by Mrs. Clara (Mulliken) Norton, Frank K. Walter and Fanny Elsie Marquand. Boston Book Co., 1911. The list includes the best English editions or translations of the dramatic works of D'Annunzio, Hauptmann, Ibsen, Jones, Maeterlinck, Phillips, Pinero, Rostand, Shaw, Sudermann, Dubussy, Puccini and Richard Strauss. It covers a field that is much before the public at the present time and should be a handy compilation for students along these lines.

The Globe-Wernicke Co., of Cincinnati, has printed a twenty-page booklet called "The World's best books," in which there is a roughly graded list of books for children and young people, compiled by H. W. Mabie, 100 best books for boys and girls, prepared by W. D. Howe, of Indiana university, Ex-President Roosevelt's "Pigskin library," Lubbock's "100 best books," "The best 50 books," by Benjamin R. Davenport, H. W. Mabie's selection of the best novels portraying life of different sections of the United States and England, and novels of plot and problem, Dr. Eliot's "Five-foot library," the twenty best novels, and other lists. The only advertising mark is the name of the company on the back cover. The company will send free to any library

in the country any desired number of these booklets. They also have a "Blue book of fiction, a list of novels worth reading chosen from many literatures," by H. W. Mabie, which will also be sent free in quantity. We are under no obligations to the above named company and have not been asked to insert this notice, but they are good lists and we heartily recommend librarians to secure them and distribute them freely from the desk.

A. L. A. PUBLISHING BOARD NOTES

There are many members of the A. L. A. and other librarians who have not yet secured the published chapters of the A. L. A. Manual of library economy. Eight chapters are now ready and two more will be out soon. Each chapter is printed as a separate pamphlet; price, 10 cents each.

1. American library history, by C. K. Bolton.
2. Library of Congress, by W. W. Bishop.
4. College and university library, by J. I. Wyer, Jr.
9. Library legislation, by W. F. Yust. **In press.**
12. Administration of a public library, by A. E. Bostwick. **In press.**
15. Branch libraries and other distributing agencies, by Linda A. Eastman.
17. Order and accession department, by F. F. Hopper.

20. Shelf department, by Josephine A. Rathbone.

22. Reference department, by E. C. Richardson.

26. Bookbinding, by A. L. Bailey.

The brisk sale of the new edition of the List of subject headings, edited by Miss Mary Briggs has been most gratifying. Every library needs this important tool and it is not economy to try to get on without it. If you have not secured a copy, it is to your advantage to do so. The book contains over 400 pages and is bound in reinforced cloth. Price \$2.50, carriage free.

Miss Elva L. Bascom, who is editing the A. L. A. Catalog, 1904-11, reports good progress in the work, and the book will probably be ready for distribution early in 1912. This Supplement will contain a selection of about 3000 titles published since the A. L. A. Catalog was printed in 1904, and will consist of a class list with author and title and subject indexes. Like the Catalog it will have the benefit of the opinions of many librarians and experts. The A. L. A. Catalog was unquestionably one of the most valuable and important aids in book selection ever published in this country, and the continuation of it will be equally valuable and important, not only to librarians and book-sellers but to the general public as well. Price to advance subscribers is \$1; after publication, \$1.50.